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PARAS 4 AND 5 REF A REFER VARIOUSLY TO "MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AEGEAN PROPOSED BY SACEUR", "SACEUR PROPOSED TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS", AND THE "SACEUR PROPOSAL". WE WISH TO UNDERSCORE THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS IN QUESTION EMERGED FROM EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS SACEUR CONDUCTED WITH THE GREEKS AS HE WAS REQUESTED TO DO BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (REF B) AND ARE CONTAINED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE GREEK RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS POSED THEM (REF C). THE MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AEGEAN ARE NOT THEREFORE SACEUR "PROPOSALS" IN THE STRICT, FORMAL SENSE OF THAT TERM AND SHOULD NOT BE SO DESCRIBED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKS OR OTHERS, IN VIEW OF TURKISH SENSITIVITIES ABOUT THE MANDATE OF NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES REGARDING GREEK REINTEGRATION. WE SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT IN ANY SUCH

DISCUSSIONS THE TERM "ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE DEVELOPED IN THE EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS ON MILITARY/TECHNICAL LEVEL ISSUES BETWEEN SACEUR AND THE GREEKS" SHOULD BE USED. BENNETT

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